

THOUSANDS SUFFER

The Blizzard and Coal Famine at Chicago Form a Disastrous Combine

Grand Jury to Investigate the Cause of the Shortage of Coal in the Windy City.

DEATHS FROM PRIVATION

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 12—A severe blizzard and the coal famine brought keen distress to thousands of families in Chicago. Zero weather is likely to continue for several days with consequences in death and suffering that are little short of appalling. The efforts of the state and city authorities and a special grand jury have been ineffective in relieving the fuel shortage, notwithstanding the fact that miles and miles of cars loaded with coal and billed for Chicago line the tracks of several railroads within an hour's haul of the city.

Some idea of the situation may be gained from the following bulletin issued by the health department: Fully 10 per cent of nearly 200,000 residents of Chicago are today suffering from ailments of a grave character caused by privation and exposure resulting from the coal famine. Already these ailments are reflected in the enormous increase of deaths among those at the extremes of life—the young and the aged, in both of whom the powers of vital resistance are at the lowest. Since the first of the year there has been an increase of nearly 20 (19.2) per cent. in the number of deaths among those under 5 years of age over the number in the corresponding period last year, when this death rate was about normal. Among those over 60 years of age the increase is much greater—24 per cent. last week over the week previous and 36.7 per cent over the normal rate of the corresponding period of 1902.

The actual search for evidence of a combine of coal dealers for the purpose of forcing up the price of fuel will be undertaken by the special grand jury. The grand jury has planned a strenuous campaign. Coal men will be asked to explain just what are the aims, and objects of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association and why the long trains of coal cars which are strung upon the railroad tracks just outside the city limits are not being ordered into the city and emptied without delay.

TO SAVE HER DOLL.**A LITTLE GIRL OF NORTH CAROLINA GAVE HER LIFE.**

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 12—In an attempt to save her doll from the flames little May Sherrill, the 3 year old daughter of N. W. Sherrill, received burns that resulted in her death.

The child was sitting before an open fireplace when a live coal flew out and ignited the doll's dress.

The child tried to smother the flames, but before she succeeded her own dress caught. When the parents reached their child she was still clinging to her doll and her clothing was in a blaze.

NEW LAW PARTNERSHIP.

Attorneys E. H. Paryear and J. S. Ross have formed a partnership. Mr. Ross has been in with Attorney Alben Barclay in the Columbia building.

THE MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY ARENE & GILBERT OF THE PADUCAH COMMISSION CO.

	OPEN	CLOSE
WHEAT—		
January	76 1/2	77
May	73 1/2	74
July	73 1/2	74
CORN—		
January	46	46 1/2
May	43 1/2	44
July	44 1/2	45
OATS—		
January	34 1/2	35
May	31 1/2	32
July	31 1/2	32
POKE—		
January	17 1/2	17 3/4
May	16 1/2	16 3/4
Lard—		
January	8 3/4	8 3/4
May	8 3/4	8 3/4
RIBS—		
January	8 7/8	8 7/8
May	8 1/2	8 1/2

STOCKS

L. & N.	127 1/2
L. C.	151
U. S. S. P.	85 1/2
U. S. S. C.	28 1/2
Mo. P.	112 1/2

crowded with orders and constantly enlarging its facilities. The output of the present year, it is expected, will reach at least 4,500 locomotives.

HIGHWAYMEN BOLD

Mr. John Kreutzer Possibly Fatally Injured by Desperate Robbers.

They Struck Him Twice, Once While Down—Motorman Robbed on South Sixth.

MR. FRANK SCOTT'S ESCAPE

Mr. John Kreutzer, foreman of the Leigh Fruit company's warehouse, who lives at 518 Jackson street, was assaulted and robbed Saturday evening shortly before 7 o'clock at Fifth and Clark streets, while on his way home. He was found and taken home in a delirious condition, and was unconscious most of Saturday night. Nothing could be gleaned in regard to his injuries from his incoherent talk, but yesterday morning he became conscious and informed the police that he was walking along at the place stated above, when he was accosted from behind.

Just as he turned he was struck in the back of the head, and when he fell, struck his face and broke his nose and was otherwise badly injured.

His assailants, he claims then turned him over and struck him in the head again with a brick while he was down. It seemed to be a light brick with mortar on it and the police found such a brick near where a large pool of blood on the sidewalk marked the location of the murderous assault.

Mr. Kreutzer could not tell whether his assailants were white or colored, nor how many of them there were. They went through him, getting \$7.50, a watch and knife and then left him.

His injuries are very serious and he has been conscious but a time or two since he was hurt, and then only for a short time. The police have no clue to the identity of the robbers. They think the brick used was picked up on Broadway, as bricks of that color have been used no where else in Paducah. Mr. Kreutzer was today reported as being in a very critical condition.

Three negroes held up Motorman Terry Coleman on car 53, South Sixth streets, Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock. They got on the car near Mattison's garden at Sixth and Husbands and when the end of the line was reached a few blocks farther on, and the motorman started to change the trolley, they halted him and drawing their pistols made him hold up his hands while they went through him. About \$4 was secured, and they demanded that he open the fare box on the car, but he informed them that he couldn't. They then commanded him to break it open, but he refused and about the time some people came along and the negroes made off.

Mr. Frank L. Scott, of the Scott Hardware company, had an experience early last evening which gave rise to the report that he had been held up and robbed. He and Mr. Eddie Clark, one of the company's drummers, were on their way home about 6 p. m. and when they reached Eighth and Jefferson streets, were accosted by two men appearing to be foreigners, who asked them if they knew where there were any lodging houses.

The men had apparently been following them, and being suspicious on account of the recent numerous hold-ups, when Mr. Clark's home was reached he suggested that Mr. Scott wait and get his pistol. Mr. Scott went in and secured it, and when he got outside the men had passed. Near Ninth and Madison streets the men stopped again and as Mr. Scott approached they separated to allow him to pass between them, but he was not to be trapped in such a manner, and politely walked around them.

"Do you know where there are any lodging houses?" one of them asked. "You fellows don't want any lodging houses," replied Mr. Scott. "You asked me that same question a while ago. Now you had better make yourself scarce around here." The men hurried away.

"I shouldn't have been there, however," laughingly admitted Mr. Scott to a reporter, "if I hadn't had that gun with me."

Postman Charles Holliday will return Wednesday from a two weeks' visit to Tennessee.

MR. CHAS. HOLLIDAY, OF THE MASONS, IS IN THE LEAD IN THE SUN'S CONTEST**MISS LILLIE NORVELL LEADS IN LADIES CONTEST—WITH MISS WILLIAMS NEXT****THE CONTEST STARTS WITH A BIG VOTE TODAY**

The first announcement of the votes in The Sun's two great contests to decide who is the most popular union or lodge officer and who the most popular lady in the city is made today.

Mr. Charles Holliday, the well known postman, is the leader in the first contest, and Miss Lillie Norvell is the leader in the second. They are entitled, as such, to one dollar each, according to the rules of the contest and the same will be sent them.

The contest has started well and the contestants are very closely bunched, and as the expression goes, "it's anybody's race."

The votes will be counted each day at noon and the standing at that hour announced in The Sun the same afternoon.

The coupons are dated and are not good unless voted in the same week as they are dated.

Payments for subscriptions in advance entitle the subscriber for as many votes as pennies subscribed.

The leader in the contest at the end of each week will be given a dollar in cash.

Any union or lodge officer is eligible, and any married or single lady. Mr. J. K. Bondurant, the well known grocer, will count the votes

each day.

The vote is as follows:

Charles Holliday	432.
B. H. Pixley	337.
W. J. White	303.
T. W. Baird	287.
Henry Weimer	287.
J. J. Freundlich	253.
W. T. Kirkpatrick	249.
Miss Williams	8.

LADIES' CONTEST.

Miss Lillie Norvell	200.
Miss Maggie Williams	146.

The prizes are as follows:

In the most popular lodge or union contests:

First prize—\$100 in gold.
Second prize—\$50 in gold.
Third prize—\$20.
Fourth prize—\$7.50.
Fifth prize—\$3.50.
Next four—\$1 each.

In the most popular lady contest the prizes are:

First prize—Transportation to Colorado and return at any time during this year.

Second prize—Transportation to either Chicago or New Orleans and return at any time in this year.

To the leader in each contest at the end of each week will be given one dollar in cash.

I VOTE FOR _____

OF _____

As Most Popular _____

Officer in Paducah

Signed: _____

Monday, January 12

I VOTE FOR _____

As the most popular lady in Paducah

Signed: _____

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REFORM SCHOOL.

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 12—Lulu Sutton, the 12 year old negro girl who was arrested for putting Rough on Rats in the food and nearly causing the death of Mrs. Henry Thompson and Miss Cooper, one of the public school teachers, renewed her plea of guilty and

Judge William S. Dewey sentenced her to the school for juvenile offenders at Geneva, Ill. The case has baffled the police, because the girl first insisted that a strange woman told her to poison these people, in whose family she lived. Later she denied this story completely.

HART'S A KUTTER

and the

Price Goes Down

Taint No Joke Neither

All Xmas Goods At Cost....**CUT GLASS, CHINA And All Them Things****GEO. O. HART & SONS**

tate of Mary Jones. Anna Jackson was appointed administratrix of the estate of the late N. B. Jackson. J. D. Moot was appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Susan Watson.

of others whom your medicine has helped in a large degree. I wish you continued success. —MRS. FRANCES COFFMAN, Dayton, Va. All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

LOCAL BOARDS MEET NO DECISION ON IT

Police and Fire Commissioners Will Hold Regular Session Tonight.

Election of Chief of Police and Fire Department—No Firemen Appointments.

ALDERMEN MAY MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the police and fire commissioners will take place this evening at the city hall. A number of important matters are to come up before the board. There are four members and they are tied up on several propositions.

A chief of police and chief of fire department will be elected. It is probable that the salary of chief of police will be increased from \$75 to \$100 a month, and that Chief Collins will be re-elected.

Fire Chief James Wood will also be re-elected. Neither of the chiefs have any opposition.

All the firemen will not be chosen, as the board desires the council and aldermen to enact an ordinance conforming to the second class charter, which abolishes the office of assistant chief and provides for captain instead.

A lieutenant of police will probably be elected. It was once thought that possibly the board would do away with the position of lieutenant, but members of it say that they will not. Lieutenant T. J. Moore and Officer Guy Nance are applicants, and while Officer Frank Harlan is not an applicant, he received votes, making three that were voted on for the position.

The board was tied on the election of a patrol wagon driver, Mr. John Austin receiving two votes and Mr. Will Husbands, son of Master Commissioner Gip Husbands receiving two. It is not yet known whether there has been any change in the choice of the members since the last meeting or not.

Mayor D. A. Yeiser stated this morning that he would try to call a meeting of the board of aldermen for this evening in order that the members could make another effort to organize. "You can say this," said the mayor this morning, "I'm not going to call the board unless all can be present. I want them all to be there and settle their differences in a manner to suit themselves and do not desire to give either side any advantage."

RODE WITH A CORPSE

Engineer Killed at the Throttle on a K. & O. Train.

Kan Through a City and Alarmed the Fireman, Who Found Him Dead.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 12—Passengers on an incoming Knoxville and Ohio railroad train rode several miles yesterday with the hand of a corpse at the throttle of the engine. The train left Buckeye, Tenn., on time and ran through to Careyville, the next station. When Engineer A. C. Young ran through the latter town Fireman Matlock knew something was wrong and stepped to the engineer's side of the engine. He found Young dead and immediately stopped the train. There is a wound on the left side of the engineer's head, and the supposition is that a piece fell from the side of a cut through the mountains and killed him instantly. The train ran perhaps eight miles after Young was killed.

MURDER TRIAL.

POPE COUNTY MAN GOES ON AT METROPOLIS.

Metropolis, Ill., Jan. 12—The trial of Jasper Abbott, the Pope county young man who shot and killed Sam Faughn here during the carnival last summer, will begin today. The January term of circuit court has begun and this is the first case to be heard. Abbott is here in the county jail.

Judge Husbands Will Probably Decide Saloon Ordinance Tomorrow

It Is Said That He Will Decide if Unconstitutional, Sustaining Judge Sanders.

NOTES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Judge L. D. Husbands did not decide the saloon closing ordinance this morning in circuit court, but announced that he would probably render his decision tomorrow.

It is said on what is considered reliable authority that Judge Husbands will decide the ordinance unconstitutional, as Police Judge Sanders did. It is reported, however, that the only or principle reason he will assign for its being unconstitutional is that the city has no right to modify the restrictions of the liquor traffic without changing the provisions of the ordinance under which the city license are issued, and this has never been done.

In other words, it seems from reports that Judge Husbands is of the opinion that the license held by saloon keepers is in the nature of a contract, with the city which the city cannot amend without the consent of the saloon men themselves, who paid for the privileges contained in the licenses, and cannot be deprived of them as long as the license is in force.

This morning the jury cases were taken up by Judge Husbands, and the following jurors were impaneled:

J. H. Clark, Geo. L. Jones, John Perdue, W. G. Whitefield, H. W. Hand, John Spence, James McNeil, J. C. Farley, C. H. Unselt, E. I. Nance, Gus Priant, W. B. Walters, F. H. Childs, T. E. Boswell, O. W. Rawlson, J. M. Green, A. T. Harris, R. C. Fortson, John Niehoff, Joe Goeckel, R. Parker, J. W. Hobbs, W. B. Matheney, J. F. Miller.

COMING TO KENTUCKY.

THESE PEOPLE TRAVELED IN AN OPEN SKIFF.

After traveling over 300 miles down the Mississippi river in an open skiff, John Davis, aged 54, and his daughter, Annie, aged 31, were forced to abandon their voyage and pitch their camp on the banks of the river near St. Louis. They were in destitute circumstances, and, having for shelter only a small canvas tent, the daughter was compelled to apply to the police for relief.

The father and daughter started five weeks ago from Clinton, Ia., with the determination of drifting down the river as far as Hickman, Ky., where they have friends. They managed to baffle the storms and privations of the river trip until they reached Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis. There they found that the ice in the river rendered it impossible for them to continue. It was with difficulty that they managed to make their way to the shore, and when they had brought their craft safely to the beach they pitched their tent and prepared to live until more propitious weather would allow them to proceed on their way.

After a week they found that their store of provisions was exhausted and the daughter was compelled to go out and beg.

HICKMAN'S COURT HOUSE

LOCAL CONTRACTORS LEAVE TO MAKE BIDS ON IT TONIGHT.

Contractors B. T. Davis, C. H. Chamblin and J. M. Dunlap leave this evening for Hickman, Ky., where they will bid on the new court house to be erected there as soon as the contract can be let. The cost of it will be about \$30,000, and the Paducah men are confident that the work will be let to local contractors.

The building is to be one of the most substantial in Southwest Kentucky, and it is hoped Paducah men will get to build it.

Mr. Jay C. Willis of Metropolis was in the city yesterday.

HAVE SOLE RIGHT OF SALE.